

# Cuyahoga Valley National Park Volunteer Program

## Building a Community of Park Stewards



## **Cuyahoga Valley National Park** Internship Opportunity

- Position Title:** Native Plant Nursery Intern
- Dates of Internship:** Late August through December
- Hours:** 10-15 hours/week, weekends, flexible schedule.
- Location:** Duty Station: Jyurovat- 696 W. Streesboro Rd. Peninsula OH 44264 - Cuyahoga Valley National Park
- Duties:** Intern will work with park staff and volunteers to manage operations of the Native Plant Nursery. Intern assists with all aspects of plant propagation and care including sowing, watering, fertilizing, pruning, disease/pest inspection and control, data collection and documentation, transplanting, plant installation, and winterizing. Intern may work with large groups, youth, and regular volunteers. Additional responsibilities will include seed collection and processing, upkeep of tools and equipment, data entry, and researching species natural history and propagation. Scheduling is flexible but intern will need to be available during weekends and for some specific events.
- Skills Required:** Self motivation, conscientiousness, patience, and ability to work independently and with large groups. Background in biological sciences, specifically botany and horticulture.
- Requirements:** Applicants must complete a National Park Service Volunteer-in-Parks Agreement and may be subject to a background investigation. U.S. citizenship, valid driver's license, and reliable transportation required.
- Must be a current Kent State University student.
- Salary/Benefits:** The Biological Sciences department has set up a travel expense stipend to help defray the cost of your transportation during your participation in this program. Student may also obtain internship credit with university upon approval of academic advisor. Interns are eligible for injury compensation and tort claims the same as federal employees and are considered to be federal employees for those purposes only.
- Outcomes:** Result of internship will be practical experience operating a nursery, caring for plants, and field plant identification at a national park. Park staff will train interns to (1) identify plants; (2) understand nursery operations and methods of propagation (3) and provide an understanding of the multiple facets of restoration in a national park.
- How to Apply:** Please submit the BSCI/CVNP application to Academic Advisor, Gail Spalsbury at gkovach@kent.edu, with the above Position Title as the subject, by May 15. Please be prepared to bring your resume and cover letter to CVNP if offered an interview. BSCI/CVNP applications can be picked up at CHH 256. Please submit via email or drop off completed form to Gail Spalsbury, CHH 131.
- Option: In order to receive internship credit towards major degree, applicant will need to fill out a separate BSCI internship for credit application if chosen for the internship with CVNP. Course registration fees do apply. Please see Gail Spalsbury for further details.

